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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner:

The accompanying amendments and remarks are presented in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2005.

Remarks

The Examiner's reconsideration of the claims is acknowledged. In the action, claims 1-10 and 15-24 were indicated as allowed; however we note that claim 10 has also been rejected. Claim 10 has been amended herein to provide further clarification of the invention; this amendment is not intended to limit or otherwise affect the scope of the claim as originally presented. Claim 11 has been canceled. Claim 19 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit the following remarks regarding the rejections and objection made of record in the recent Office action.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 2,837,409 to Sisler et al. (Sisler). Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Action states that Sisler discloses the process and apparatus recited in claim 10. The Examiner posits that part of the glass tube reactor disclosed at column 3, lines 36-67 of Sisler is considered to constitute a reaction zone, and at the same time, that part of the reactor packed with glass wool is considered to constitute a solids collection system positioned